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Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Attorney Docket No. 48015

Re: Transmittal Letter to the United States
Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US)
Concerning a Filing Under 35 U.S.C. §371

International Application No.: PCT/NL98/00014
International Filing Date: 8 January 1998

Priority date claimed: 8 January 1997
Priority application number: 1004956

Inventorship: Jan BERENDS et al.

Title: LIFTING DEVICE WITH MOVABLE LIFTING COLUMNS

Enclosed herewith for entering the national stage in the
United States is the above-referenced international
application.

APPLICANT WISHES THAT THE ANNEXES TO THE INTERNATIONAL
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT REPLACE THE APPROPRIATE PAGES
OF THE CLAIMS AS FILED.

1. [X] This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a
filing under 35 U.S.C. §371.
2. [] This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items
concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. §371.
3. [X] This express request to begin national examination
procedures (35 U.S.C. §371(f)) at any time rather
than delay examination until the expiration of the
applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. §371(b) and
PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).

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4. [X] A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
5. [X] A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(2))
 - a. X is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. _____ has been transmitted by the International Bureau. A copy of Form PCT/IB/308 is attached hereto.
 - c. _____ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)
6. [X] A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(2)).
7. [] Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(3))
 - a. _____ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau)
 - b. _____ have been transmitted by the International Bureau
 - c. _____ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired
 - d. _____ have not been made and will not be made
8. [X] A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(3)).
9. [X] An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(4)) is:

[] Attached in the regular manner.
[X] NOT included, but deferred under P.L. 97-247.

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10. [] A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5))
11. [] An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. [] An Assignment of the invention in favor of the following organization is enclosed for recordation. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. [X] A FIRST Preliminary Amendment.
[] A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT Preliminary Amendment.
14. [] A substitute specification.
15. [] A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
16. [] Other items of information:
[X] Form PCT/RO/101 Request (in English/in French)
[] Small Entity Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. 1.27
[X] 3 Sheets of Formal Drawings
[] Sheets of Informal Drawings
[X] The content of the paper and computer readable copy of the attached Sequence Listing, submitted in accordance with 37 CFR §1.821(c) and (e), respectively, are the same.
[X] Kindly appoint as associate attorneys (if not already a principal attorney) or agents:

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[X] The total amount due for the filing fee in this case
is:

[] Based on Small Entity Status


Total Number of Claims: 10

Total Independent Claims: 6

Basic filing fee, \$930/\$465.	\$ <u>930.00</u>
Independent Claims above 3, \$82/\$41 ea.	\$ <u> </u>
Total claims in excess of 20, \$22/\$11 ea.	\$ <u> </u>
Multiple dependency penalty, \$270/\$135	\$ <u> </u>
Declaration surcharge, \$130/65	\$ <u> </u>
English translation surcharge, \$130	\$ <u> </u>
 TOTAL FILING FEE DUE	 \$ <u>930.00</u>

Please forward all communications regarding this
application to the undersigned at the letterhead address.

Respectfully submitted,


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